

Grace Upon Grace



*Celebrating
50 Years*

1942

50th Anniversary

1992



Our Savior Lutheran Church
Raleigh, North Carolina



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Dear Friends:

I invite you to read this anniversary booklet with one permeating thought in your mind . . . "from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace." (John 1:16)

We chose this lovely passage as the theme of our fiftieth anniversary celebration for two reasons: first, it reminds us that behind the impressive story of this congregation's growth from a handful of people in a house church to an active throng of committed Christians is another story, a much more impressive story. All that we celebrate is simply a testimony to the unfathomable grace of God in Christ Jesus. Secondly, we want you to remember that what is so evidently true for this congregation is also true for you. We have ALL received from His fullness, one gift upon another, *grace upon grace*. The Lord gives us nothing collectively that He does not also offer to us individually.

Consequently, as you read our story and look at the pictures which reflect our history, I encourage you to continually translate all this into your own life story. Think about the houses in which you have lived, the people who have shaped your spiritual values, the occasions of enthusiastic growth and celebration and the moments of loss and disappointment. Remember how the grace of God has sustained you in every time and place.

Grace Revealed! Grace Experienced! Grace Promised! These are the sub-themes of the three celebrative services during our anniversary year. Our history is filled with His grace. Our present is an experience of grace. Our future is bright because He has promised us His grace.

Again, what is true for us is also true for you. Celebrate with us!

Yours in Christ,

Lawrence R. Lineberger

Lawrence R. Lineberger, Pastor

THE HISTORY OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH 1942 - 1992

The founding of the congregation in 1942 had its beginnings many years earlier. The Rev. G. E. Mennen, pastor of Concordia Church, Conover, North Carolina, was the Missouri Synod's circuit rider for Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, and Danville during 1914 - 1918. As such, he is believed to have preached the first sermon in our vicinity. It is recorded that he located his first Lutheran prospect in the Raleigh area through information supplied by an undertaker.

During the 1930's, families of Lutheran background began moving into the Raleigh area. They expressed interest in a mission. The mission board of the Southeastern District, organized in 1939, renewed extension efforts in Raleigh. Candidate Lewis C. Gerbhardt's assignment was to survey the potential for a Raleigh mission and to conduct worship services. Gerbhardt's survey resulted in the rental of a house at 1900 Glenwood Avenue in the fall of 1941. This house was to serve as a home for the missionary, as well as a church home for Lutherans.

On November 23, 1941, missionary Gerbhardt officiated at the first worship services at 1900 Glenwood Avenue. Fifty-five persons attended. Most of these worshipers were from already established sister congregations. Shortly thereafter, a Sunday School and Bible Class were begun at the Raleigh mission. In January, 1942, Gerbhardt accepted a call to Vero Beach, Florida, and Rev. Harold H. Tessman was called to our Raleigh congregation. He was installed by his father, Rev. H. E. Tessman. A Ladies Society was organized in February, 1942.

In April, the mission was notified that the option on the property it was occupying was

about to expire. With financial assistance from the District forthcoming, it was decided to purchase the property at 1900 Glenwood Avenue in June, 1942. This was done with the idea that the lot (200 x 70) was large enough for both parsonage and a future chapel. The home continued to be used for services, Sunday School, Bible Class, and as a parsonage.

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church was formally organized on September 13, 1942. The congregation consisted of 20 communicants and six voting members. Circuit Visitor Pastor R. E. Scaer of Greensboro chaired the organizational meeting. Members attending were George E. Hines, Fred Dortsch, Clyde A. Keisler, and Rev. H. H. Tessman. A constitution was drafted and adopted.

The first officers of the congregation, elected in 1943 under the revised and adopted church constitution, were George E. Hines, President; Clyde A. Keisler, Secretary; and Fred Dortsch, Financial Secretary.

After two years in Raleigh, Pastor Tessman accepted a call to Wheaton, Illinois. Rev. Gerhardt Hyatt accepted a call to serve the Raleigh mission. He served our congregation from May, 1944 to July, 1945, when he became a U.S. Army Chaplain.

In October, 1944, the voters' assembly had begun discussion on the building of a new church. Then in May, 1945, the extension board of the Southeastern District set aside funds for construction of a new church. Since Raleigh was one of two remaining capital cities in the district with no church building, the board felt this should be provided at the earliest opportunity.

Meanwhile, Rev. Eldor P. Kuehnert of

Cape Girardeau, Missouri, was called to succeed Rev. Hyatt. He accepted and was installed on September 2, 1945, by Rev. Leslie Frerking of Charlotte. Rev. Kuehnert and congregation members began looking for a permanent church site. On November 8, 1945, a lot at West Aycock Street and Nash Drive, intersecting at Glenwood Avenue, was purchased for \$2,500. By December, the voters had instructed the building committee to begin work with an architect on new building plans. A budget of \$3,075.50 was allocated for 1946 by this congregation of 17 communicants and 28 baptized members. However, a polio epidemic struck North Carolina during 1947-48 and worship services and meetings could be held only on a limited basis.

Due to the limited activities, it was not until October 3, 1948, that ground was broken for the first chapel. A contract for \$24,481 was signed with Raleigh architects Strong and Harmon. Provision was made in the design for the addition of a nave and educational facilities at a later date.

The final service at 1900 Glenwood Avenue was held on February 20, 1949. The next Sunday the new chapel, although not completed, was occupied by the congregation.

The congregation continued to grow and a Young People's Organization was started, along with a Saturday School attended by 13 students. A Men's Club was also organized in 1949. The congregation budget for that year was \$4,000.

The dedication of the new chapel took place on Sunday, September 18, 1949, the date closest to the seventh anniversary of the congregation. Congregation officers at that time were: President, Clyde Keisler; Vice President, Jack Cook; Secretary-Treasurer, Ray Funderburk; Financial Secretary, Robert Hader.

In September, 1950, Pastor Eldor Kuehnert accepted a call to Farmington, New York. Vicar Melvin E. Witt of Baltimore, Maryland, carried on the work of Our Savior parish. By 1951, a budget of

\$4,800.20 was required, 30 communicants were listed, and an organ fund had been established.

On August 12, 1951, Carl A. Streufert was ordained as the sixth minister of Our Savior. During the seven years in which Rev. Streufert served our congregation, communicant membership grew from 45 communicants to 99. A new Wurlitzer electronic reed organ was dedicated in 1952. The parsonage at 1900 Glenwood was sold for \$9,000 in 1954 and a new one was purchased for \$15,500 at 2719 North Drive in 1955. With a growing emphasis on youth work, a "Build for Youth" effort was initiated. This resulted in the ground-breaking for a new Youth Building on June 30, 1957. The new Youth Building was constructed by Davidson and Jones, at a cost of \$25,600, and was dedicated on December 8, 1957. Our Savior Lutheran Kindergarten, with eight pupils and Mrs. Thomas Buffaloe as teacher, opened on September 5, 1957. The kindergarten and pre-kindergarten school was a dynamic part of the history of Our Savior. The founders of the kindergarten -- first board members -- were Marvin Johnson, Alton Howard, Leroy (Bud) Saylor and Lillian Buffaloe. Pastor Streufert left Our Savior in December, 1957 for a position with The Walther League in Chicago.

The Rev. Andrew Weyermann began his ministry with Our Savior on June 22, 1958. As the congregation continued to grow and two services were initiated, it became apparent that a larger church was needed. The building committee recommended using the existing site, since this location was in the center of town and within easy driving distance. The Southeastern District loaned \$65,000 and members contributed \$15,000 for the construction of a new church, designed by Milton Small, architect. Our present altar was a gift from Rev. Weyermann's parents. On March 15, 1964, members of Our Savior dedicated their new house of worship. Rev. Weyermann preached his farewell sermon on June 28, 1964 and accepted a teaching

position at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

For the next 13 months, Rev. Robert Brohm of Durham served as vacancy minister. Several calls were extended to acquire a pastor, but these were returned. So it was with great joy in the hearts of the congregation when Pastor Walter Volz accepted the call to serve in the ministry of Our Savior. Pastor Volz was with Our Savior for 16 years.

Our Savior played a key role in the establishment of new ministries in Eastern North Carolina.

In 1967 the congregation, in concert with the Mission Board of the Southeastern District, proposed the establishment of a new congregation to serve primarily the needs of the black community near the Shaw University campus. A graduate from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Rev. Keith Loesch, was installed at Our Savior as the new mission developer. After a few months of work, the mission board re-assigned Rev. Loesch to serve at Our Redeemer in Fayetteville, which at that time was also a fledgling mission church and enduring a long pastoral vacancy. Since the mood in society in these years was growing toward integration, the idea of a separate mission for the black community was abandoned.

In 1968, the District Mission Board asked leaders at Our Savior to extend their mission work to Goldsboro. So a preaching station was established. Pastor Volz, assisted by Dr. Harvey Kebschull, Dr. Robert Voelker, and Pastor Keith Loesch conducted services there.

During the following years, Our Savior's Kindergarten and Pre-School programs were a dynamic part of the church ministry. Our school was among the first schools in Wake County to mainstream children who were physically or emotionally challenged. Teachers during those years were: Mrs. Lillian Buffaloe, Mrs. Harriet Porter, Mrs. Jean Stiemke, Mrs. Lillian Abbott, and Mrs. Georgia Kebschull.

A highlight every year for the students was

to take a field trip to WRAL television studio to see and participate in "The Uncle Paul Show." Paul Montgomery, also a member of the parish, was the popular and well loved host of a children's television program which was seen throughout Eastern North Carolina.

The school closed in 1976, due to the addition of kindergarten classes in the public schools program.

The congregation then offered the use of the educational building to the Wake County Cerebral Palsy Association for a specialized school and therapy center. This was a full day operation, using the facilities from 1976 through 1981.

The vicarage program was also begun during Pastor Volz's ministry at our Savior. The church was richly blessed by having nine excellent vicars. They were: 1972, Paul Short, St. John Lutheran Church, Decatur, Illinois; 1973, Dennis Retzlaff, Social Services, Henderson, North Carolina; 1974, John Frahm, Concordia College, Austin, Texas; 1975, David Kluth, Concordia College, Austin, Texas; 1976, Steven Wipperman, Christ Lutheran Church, Wausau, Wisconsin; 1977, Terence Groth, Trinity Lutheran Church, Edwardsville, Illinois; 1978, Glen Brauer, Tallmadge Lutheran Church, Tallmadge, Ohio; 1979, Steve Schauder, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota; 1980, David Brighton, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Most of the vicars lived in the Wakefield apartments. However, Terry Groth lived on the second floor of the old Nash House and also served as part-time custodian for the church.

Leaders of Our Savior Lutheran Church, in 1973, envisioned the establishment of a Lutheran Social Service Ministry for Wake County. This emphasis grew out of the long tradition by members of the church making monthly visits to patients at Dorothea Dix Hospital. Mrs. Marilyn Fulton was the first Board Chairman. A call was extended to Rev. Frederick Stiemke to establish this

ministry. Rev. Fred Stiemke was installed at Our Savior in August, 1974 as the first Lutheran Hospital Chaplain in Wake County. He worked at the John Umstead Psychiatric Center in Butner, North Carolina, the Mental Retardation Training Center at Murdock, North Carolina, Dorothea Dix Hospital and Women's Prison in Raleigh.

In 1974, Chaplain Stiemke accepted a call to serve as the Senior Chaplain at Bethesda Home in Watertown, Wisconsin.

The following year, in 1975, Chaplain John Costello accepted the call to fill the chaplain vacancy and continue in the tradition established by having a Lutheran Chaplain in Wake County. Chaplain Costello served as Director of Chaplaincy Services and Clinical Pastoral Education at Wake Medical Center until his retirement in 1990. He was also the Director of the Triangle Chaplaincy Ministry.

In 1977, exploratory meetings were held with a nucleus of people in the Cary area. A new mission was established and worship services were begun in a day care center -- The Little Red School House. Worship services were conducted by Pastor Volz, Chaplain Costello, Vicar Groth and Vicar Brauer until Rev. Marvin Schedler was called to become the Cary congregation's first minister.

In the Fall of 1979, Our Savior Church played an important role in the establishment of Pan Lutheran Ministries. Wake Medical Center had developed into a major trauma center with the expansion of its heart program. Families of patients from outside of Raleigh, as well as from other states, found themselves lacking affordable, temporary housing.

Chaplain John M. Costello of Our Savior, Dr. John Parr of Grace Lutheran, and Fred Van Tassel of St. Philip Lutheran Church, brought this need to the Church Councils of the Lutheran congregations. With monies pledged and a generous grant from the Wake Staff Medical Foundation, two apartments were leased from Wakefield Apartments. These apartments were called

The Samaritan Inn.

Mr. Niels Brown served faithfully as Our Savior's representative. He provided leadership both within the congregation and to the greater Lutheran community until his untimely death. Chaplain Costello served as a member-at-large to the Board.

Our Savior remains a vital part of the ministry of the Samaritan Inn, Agape Place, and Families Together, providing financial support and lay representation on Pan Lutheran Ministries Board.

With the departure of Pastor Volz in August, 1980, Rev. John Costello agreed to serve as vacancy pastor. This enabled the congregation to maintain a full program of ministry during the interim. Since Vicar David Brighton had been assigned to Our Savior for 1980-81, Rev. Costello was able to provide supervision for Vicar Brighton as well. Vicar Brighton found his bride in our congregation, Marcia Swaim. With the minister's position being technically vacant at application time, Our Savior was not able to obtain another vicar.

In the spring of 1981, Rev. Lawrence Lineberger left Christ Lutheran Church in Hickory, North Carolina, to accept a call to Our Savior. He was installed on June 28, 1981. The congregation began to assess the needs for additional staff in the months ahead. The clearest indicator of need came with the resignation of Mrs. Ruth Costello, who had effectively served as the leader of Our Savior Lutheran Youth (OSLY). Eager to maintain and expand our quality youth and education programs, the congregation decided to call its first full-time staff person, a Director of Youth and Education. A lengthy search concluded with the installation of James McConnell as DCE on August 5, 1984. This represented a financial challenge to our congregation, as we were in the midst of a three year debt reduction program. A \$100,000 mortgage had accrued from the construction of the sanctuary, as well as subsequent additions and renovations. With God's rich blessing, this mortgage was burned

in a celebrative ceremony on March 17, 1985.

A three year fund raising campaign, "Growth in Mission," was begun in 1986. Additions and renovations to our facility was the primary goal, but the membership also challenged itself to other mission objectives. The funds were to be divided in the following manner: 65% for new construction, 15% for a new mission in the Raleigh area, 10% for a Social Action Endowment, and 10% to establish the Our Savior Seminary Scholarship Endowment at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. These funds continue to accrue money toward the fulfillment of the mission objectives of our congregation. The Growth in Mission campaign ended in June, 1988, with \$168,000 having been received.

The architectural firm of Tolson and Associates, Inc. was hired in February, 1986, to begin work on additions and renovations of the church facilities. Project manager was Gerald Wichmann, a member of Our Savior and architect with the Tolson group. Clancy and Theys, General Contractors, won the bid. Ground was broken on August 23, 1987. During construction, church offices were moved to the Nash House. With great celebration, the new facilities were dedicated on July 10, 1988, at a cost of \$575,842. As it was not financially feasible to move the Nash House to another site, this fine old home was demolished in May of 1990.

Early in 1991, James McConnell accepted the call to serve as Director of Youth and Christian Education at Bethany, Long Beach, California. He and his family left in March, concluding an effective seven year ministry at Our Savior. A committee was immediately appointed to provide leadership in filling this vacancy. The congregation considered the possibility of calling an assistant pastor, another DCE, or a deaconess. After several interviews with a variety of candidates, the congregation called Deaconess Kathryn Gosswein to serve the congregation with primary responsibilities in youth and

education. She accepted the call and was installed on December 1, 1991.

In this anniversary year, the congregation continues to be effectively served by Pastor Lineberger and Deaconess Gosswein. In addition, Deanna Boksleitner serves as Director of Music; Margaret Wahls serves as secretary; Bertha Funderburk serves as bookkeeper and financial secretary; and Michael Strain serves as custodian. In recent months, Ray Funderburk retired as caretaker of the church grounds and general handyman. These are all part-time positions. Our average Sunday worship attendance is in excess of 300 per Sunday and the '92 budget is \$291,000. Adult participation in the Sunday School is excellent, with 80-100 attending a variety of class offerings each Sunday. The church program offers a rich variety of study, service, and fellowship opportunities.

This summary review of the history of Our Savior congregation makes abundantly clear that the richness of God's grace has been experienced throughout its fifty year history. This provides full confidence that the future of Our Savior congregation will be equally blessed, *grace upon grace*.





1900 Glenwood Ave.
1941-1949



Original Sanctuary
1949



Education Building
1957



Additions
1988



1992

PASTORS AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE REV. HAROLD H. TESSMAN

Pastor Tessman was called to serve at Our Savior by the Mission Board of the Southeastern District on January 16, 1942. At that time, he was serving as a minister in Martinsville, Virginia. He accepted and was installed in Raleigh on January 25, 1942, by his father, Rev. H.E. Tessman. In addition to ministering to Our Savior, he also served military personnel stationed at Fort Bragg, Camp Butner, N.C. State College, Duke University, and U.N.C., Chapel Hill. Rev. Tessman accepted a call to Wheaton, Illinois in 1944. He and his wife, Verna, had four children: Harold Jr., David, Rebecca, and Lois. He died in 1969.

THE REV. GERHARDT WILFRED HYATT

Candidate Hyatt was serving as Comptroller of the Concordia Seminary Students Association in St. Louis, Missouri, when Our Savior extended a call to him in May, 1944. He accepted and was ordained in July, 1944. After a year of ministering to members of Our Savior, Rev. Hyatt left on July 11, 1945, for the U.S. Army Chaplaincy. He was later named Army Chief of Chaplains and promoted to Major General. He served in Guam, Korea, Germany, and Vietnam. Gen. Hyatt and his wife, Elda, had two children: Ruth and Matthew. He is now deceased.

THE REV. ELDOR P. KUEHNERT

Pastor Kuehnert was ministering in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, when he received a call from Our Savior. He accepted and was installed as pastor on September 2, 1945, by Rev. Leslie Frerking of Charlotte, North Carolina. During his ministry, a Saturday Boys' and Girls' Club was organized for four- to twelve-year-olds. After meeting for some years in the front two rooms of Rev. Kuehnert's parsonage, a successful building campaign resulted in the first church structure in 1949. In September, 1950, Pastor Kuehnert accepted a call to St. John's Lutheran Church in Farmington, New York. Rev. Kuehnert and his wife, Lila, are now retired and living in Conover, North Carolina. They had four children: Deborah, Daniel, Don, and David.

THE REV. CARL A. STREUFERT

A recent seminary graduate, Pastor Streufert was called to be the minister of Our Savior and was ordained on August 12, 1951, by Rev. Leslie Frerking of Charlotte. Rev. Streufert received his Master of Sacred Theology from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. While serving at Our Savior, he initiated publication of a newsletter entitled "The Chapel Window." Rev. Streufert started Sunday evening doctrinal discussion groups in members' homes, as well as a teen-age discussion group and Junior Bible Class. He held memberships in the Raleigh Civitan Club and the Hayes Barton League of Traffic Control. He was an Audio-Visual Representative for the Southeastern District. His wife, Thea, served as an organist. They had four children: Sara, Frank, Randall, and Thomas. Pastor Streufert compiled a history of Our Savior, covering the years 1941 - 1957. He left in December, 1957 to serve as Executive Secretary for Leadership Training with the Walther League, Chicago, Illinois. He served the Walther League in this capacity until 1966, when he accepted a call to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clarence, New York. Rev. Streufert retired as minister to this congregation on June 30, 1992.

THE REV. ANDREW M. WEYERMANN

Rev. Weyermann was installed as pastor of Our Savior on June 22, 1958. He came to Raleigh from River Forest, Illinois, where he had been an instructor in religion. He received his Master of Sacred Theology from Concordia, St. Louis, Missouri. While in Raleigh, Rev. Weyermann also served on Synod's Stewardship and Education Committees. Visits to women at Dorothea Dix Hospital were begun by members of L.W.M.L., due to Pastor Weyermann's emphasis on Christian love and concern for all human beings. He was also active in civil rights efforts and addressed the City of Raleigh concerning the national racial crisis. Pastor Weyermann spent many months working with the Building Committee and architects during the planning and construction of the new Chapel, which was dedicated on March 15, 1964. Rev. Weyermann and his wife, Wilma, had four children: Debra, Diane, James, and Andrea. He left Our Savior in June, 1964 to join the staff of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, where he served for eight years. Pastor Weyermann was on the staff of Christ Seminary-Seminex and then became the minister of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Creve Coeur, Missouri. He is presently the minister of Wilmette Lutheran Church, Wilmette, Illinois.

THE REV. WALTER D. VOLZ

Pastor Volz was ministering at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aiken, South Carolina, when he was called to serve at Our Savior. He was installed on May 23, 1965. Rev. Volz received a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, along with a Master of Sacred Theology from Lutheran Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina. While serving at Our Savior, he chaired several Southeastern District conventions, held positions on the Mission and Stewardship Boards, and was a Circuit Counselor for 14 years. Pastor Volz was instrumental in the formation of four mission congregations in Eastern North Carolina. He initiated the vicarage program, which lasted for 11 years, as well as beginning the chaplaincy ministry for hospitals and state institutions. Our Savior became self-supporting during his ministry. He served Our Savior from 1965 - 1980. Rev. Volz had the rank of Captain in the U.S. Naval Reserves and served as Senior Chaplain for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from 1982 - 1985. Since 1980, he has been the minister of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Plantation, Florida. He and his wife, Gloria, had two children: David and Kristin.

THE REV. LAWRENCE R. LINEBERGER

Rev. Lineberger was installed as pastor of Our Savior on June 28, 1981. He had previously ministered to congregations at Trinity Lutheran, Lexington Park, Maryland; Bethany Lutheran, Salisbury, Maryland; and Christ Lutheran, Hickory, North Carolina. Pastor Lineberger received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. He has served on the Southeastern District Board of Evangelism, chaired a Pastoral Conference Planning Committee, and is currently on the Board of Directors for the District's Wellspring Project. This is a new ministry designed to provide leadership training and support for professional church workers as well as lay leaders. Rev. Lineberger has also served as a Circuit Counselor for 14 years. With his leadership, Our Savior has been actively involved in the establishment of and work with Pan Lutheran Ministries. Pastor Lineberger and his wife, Marlene, have three children: Richard, Shelley, and Anthony.

DATES OF SIGNIFICANCE

*In the History of
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Raleigh, North Carolina
1942 - 1992*

- 1941 November 23** First worship service . . . 1900 Glenwood Avenue
- 1942 January 25** Pastor Harold Tessman ordained and installed
- 1942 March 22** First wedding performed . . . Fred N. Warwick and Anne Laurie Cannon
- 1942 May 17** First baptism . . . Harold Tessman, Jr., infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Harold Tessman
- 1942 September 13** Church constitution adopted
- 1944 April 18** First confirmation held . . . Mary Louise Hines
- 1944 May 29** Rev. Gerhardt Hyatt accepts call to serve 17 communicant members
- 1944 October 24** Plans approved for first church building
- 1945 September 2** Rev. Eldor P. Kuehnert installed as pastor
- 1945 October 7** Young Peoples Group organized
- 1946 June 7** First Vacation Bible School was held
- 1947 January 25** Saturday School began
- 1947 October 24** First funeral . . . infant Lila Margaret Bates
- 1949 September 18** Church and educational building dedicated at Glenwood and Aycock, constructed at a cost of \$100,000
- 1950 October 8** Vicar Melvin Witt assumed pastorate
- 1951 August 12** Rev. Carl Streufert was ordained and installed as pastor to serve 76 communicant members
- 1957 June 30** Ground-breaking service for the new education building
- 1957 September 5** Kindergarten program was started with 8 pupils
- 1957 December 8** Dedication service for new education building
- 1958 June 22** Rev. Andrew Weyermann installed as pastor
- 1964 March 15** Dedication service of the new church on Aycock Street
- 1965 May 23** Rev. Walter D. Volz installed as pastor
- 1966 January 1** Congregation left mission status and became self-supporting

1967 April	Southeastern District Convention held here
1967 September 17	Twenty-fifth Anniversary Festival Service, 240 communicant members
1969 April	Purchased Nash House
1972 June	Initiated vicarage program with Vicar Paul Short
1973 March	Purchased Swindell property (currently used as parking lot)
1973 September	Vicar Dennis Retzlaff assigned to Our Savior
1973 December	New Allen organ installed
1974 September	Vicar John Frahm arrived
1975 September	Vicar David Kluth assumed duties
1975 October	Chaplain John Costello assumed Directorship of Triangle Chaplaincy Ministry
1976 September	Vicar Steve Wipperman assigned
1977 September	Vicar Terence Groth assumed duties
1977 October	Decision made to initiate new mission work in Cary
1978 August	Vicar Glenn Brauer arrived
1978 October	Work began at daughter congregation, Resurrection, Cary
1978 November	Completion of church undercroft for educational facilities
1979 August	Vicar Steven Schauder assumed duties
1980 August	Chaplain John M. Costello serves as vacancy pastor
1980 August	Vicar David C. Brighton assigned
1981 June 28	Rev. L. R. Lineberger installed
1984 August 5	James McConnell installed as Director of Christian Education
1985 March 17	Mortgage burning service
1987 August 23	Ground-breaking ceremony for addition and renovations
1988 July 10	Dedication of new facilities, constructed at a cost of \$575,842
1990 May	Demolition of the Nash House
1991 March 10	DCE James McConnell accepts call to Bethany, Long Beach, California
1991 December 1	Deaconess Kathryn Gosswein installed to serve in the areas of youth, education, and evangelism
1992 September 20	Fiftieth Anniversary Festival Service, 440 communicant members

CHARTER MEMBERS OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Appel, Elba

Appel, Irma

Appel, Joseph and Minnie

Dortch, Fred and Amanda

Ellington, Agnes (Mrs. P.H.)

Gift, Pearl (Mrs. D.R.)

Hines, George and Mary

Keisler, Clyde and Polly

Tessman, The Rev. Harold and Verna

Turner, Sarah (Mrs. F.)

Webber, S.T. and wife

CURRENT CHARTER MEMBERS

Ellington, Agnes (Mrs. P.H.)

Keisler, Clyde and Polly

CURRENT MEMBERS OF 40 YEARS OR MORE

Funderburk, Ray and Bertha

Hader, Robert and Dorothy

Kamprath, Eugene

Rasor, Evangeline

Memories



ORGANIZATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

OFFICERS	President Vice-President Treasurer Secretary Financial Secretary	
BOARDS	Christian Education Evangelism Stewardship Youth Ministry	Elders Social Action Trustees Circuit Representative
SECRETARY	Church Office	
CUSTODIANS		
COMMITTEES	Long Range Planning Memorials Personnel	
EDUCATION	Sunday School Superintendent Sunday School Teacher, Teacher Assistant, Substitute Teacher Sunday School Challenge Class Teacher Sunday School Cradle Roll Director Bible Studies Groups Vacation Bible School Superintendent Vacation Bible School Teacher, Teacher Assistant Vacation Bible School Craft Director Vacation Bible School Craft Leader Vacation Bible School Music Leader Vacation Bible School General Helper Confirmation Class Teacher Library Coordinator	
EVANGELISM	Greeter New Member Sponsor Publicity	Visitor Contact Neighborhood Canvass Visits to Hospitals, Shut-Ins

WORSHIP	Acolyte/Crucifer Banner Designer/Maker Money Counter Nursery Personnel	Altar Guild Lay Reader Nursery Coordinator Usher or Substitute Usher
MUSIC	Adult Handbells Guitar Ensemble Senior Choir String Quartet Director of Rainbow Choir	Brass Choir Rainbow Choir Sonshine Ringers Woodwind Ensemble Director for Sonshine Ringers
PAN LUTHERAN MINISTRIES PROGRAMS		
	Agape Place House Sitter Agape Place Food Donor Agape Place Maintenance and Repair Families Together Samaritan Inn	
SOCIAL ACTION	Habitat for Humanity Raleigh Area Ministries Servant Event	Meals on Wheels Refugee Family Sponsor Wood-U-Help
STEWARDSHIP	Fall Pledge Program Publicity for Needs and Special Activities Special Fund Raising	
FELLOWSHIP	AAL Projects Card Group Craft Group Men's Fellowship Senior Lites	Bowling Church Picnic Family Events Softball Special Banquets or Potlucks

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

PRAYER CHAIN

CHURCH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OR SPECIAL EVENTS

VOLUNTEER OFFICE HELP

Organizations



OSLY



Altar Guild



Trustees



Church Council



Evangelism



LWML Officers

Organizations



Stewardship



Elders



ROCK & LYF



Board of Youth



Social Action



Board of Education

Fellowship



Senior Lites



Easter Balloon Launch



Bowling



Progressive Dinner



Easter Egg Painting



Retirement Celebration

Congregation



April 5, 1992

Music at Our Savior



1967 Children's Choir



1992 Rainbow Choir



1967 Senior Choir



1992 Senior Choir



1992 Sonshine Ringers



1992 Adult Handbells

Music at Our Savior



1992 Guitars Ensemble



1992 Strings Ensemble



1992 Brass Choir



1992 Woodwinds Ensemble

50th Anniversary Committee

Co-Chairpersons: *Clyde Keisler, Polly Keisler, Sue Warren*

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Georgia Kebsschull, Bob Warren



*. . . and from his fullness have we all received
grace upon grace.*

- John 1:16

